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Abstract

A significant challenge in achieving a sustainable Great Lakes ecosystem and fisheries is the fact that resource users and decision makers do not have enough information to focus on the larger impact of their decisions. A key element in meeting this challenge is an educated, motivated and participating citizenry. The Great Lakes Sea Grant Network has conducted a pilot Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Institute (GLFLI) operating on regional, lake and state levels. The pilot GLFLI was designed to provide emerging citizen fishery leaders with the knowledge and skills to effectively interact with Great Lakes fishery management organizations for the benefit of the fishery and its stakeholders. Sessions of the pilot GLFLI took place throughout the region during 2003-2004, with short-term evaluation of the pilot project to be completed by June 2004. Short-term evaluation focuses on (a) self-reported knowledge and skills gained by participants through the GLFLI (b) self-reported changes in participants attitudes following GLFLI participation and (c) participant assessment of the relative value of the GLFLI modules and presentations. Mid-term evaluation will focus on (a) value of the GLFLI as a network-building tool, (b) participants use of GLFLI lessons in conducting required service projects and (c) changes in participants' overall fisheries leadership related activities.

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